



## Biography

### 307BW/STARBASE Louisiana

#### **Pam Thornell, Program Instructor**

Pam Thornell is an instructor at the Department of Defense STARBASE program at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. Her duties involve making sure the students are presented exciting STEM lessons that align to the Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. As a STARBASE instructor, she also provides support to other STARBASE teachers when needed during classroom lessons and activities, prepares materials and classrooms for daily lessons, and assists with taking pictures of students for them to enjoy looking back at their adventure at STARBASE. She also helps participating teachers coordinate their required service learning curriculum projects.



Mrs. Thornell was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Her Air Force family moved to the South Bossier area when she was in third grade and her father was stationed at Barksdale. Pam's father and mother were from the area and decided to stay in the community when her father, a Lt. Col, retired from the Air Force. She graduated from LSUS in 1984, and went to work for an oil company. After several years, she decided to go back to school and complete her teaching degree.

Pam started teaching at Apollo Elementary in Bossier Parish, and taught there for 24 years, during which she was very involved with student activities both during and after school. She also served on a number of different committees for the district, including the School Improvement Plan, the School Board Level Committee, Team Leader, mentoring new teachers, Yearbook Staff, Student Council Sponsor, and many other school-related activities. Pam joined the STARBASE team in the summer of 2013 as the Bossier Parish STARBASE staff teacher. She has been married for 32 years, and has two children.

## **Teaching History**

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| 2013 - Present | STARBASE Louisiana, BAFB, Bossier Parish Teacher  |
| 1998-1012      | Apollo Elementary, 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades, all subjects, Bossier Parish |

## **Education**

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| 2005 | Master of Science – Louisiana Tech University                                 |
| 1987 | Certified in Teaching – Louisiana State University – Shreveport               |
| 1984 | Bachelor of Arts in General Studies – Louisiana State University - Shreveport |

## **Special Certifications**

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| 2011 – 2012 | MSP 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Math |
| 2007        | LaTAAP New Teacher Mentor      |
| 2005        | Supervisor of Student Teaching |

## **Accomplishments, Awards and Recognitions**

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| 2002 | Apollo Teacher of the Year |
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